

# Medical Supplies: How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy

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## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

On January 12, 2023, Medi-Cal Rx published the alert [How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy](#). Medi-Cal Rx would like to remind pharmacy providers and prescribers that medical supplies, which includes diabetic supplies, are also impacted by the retirement of the Transition Policy for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older. Pharmacy providers and prescribers should plan ahead and take action!

**Beneficiaries 22 years of age and older can be transitioned to covered alternatives that may not require a prior authorization (PA). Review the Medi-Cal Rx Covered Products Lists of medical supplies and products found on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) on the [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page, or the links listed below, for listings of covered or contracted products. If a covered alternative is not appropriate, providers can submit a PA to Medi-Cal Rx beginning February 24, 2023.**



Reminder: Covered medical supplies on the Medi-Cal Rx Covered Products Lists are subject to quantity and frequency restrictions.

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

1. Consider covered therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate.
  - a. Review the Medi-Cal Rx Covered Products Lists found on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) on the [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page:
    - [Covered Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets](#)
    - [Covered Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices](#)

- [Covered Emergency Use of Authorization \(EUA\) COVID-19 Antigen Tests](#)
  - [Covered Medical Supplies Product Descriptions and Billing Information](#)
  - [Covered Pen Needles](#)
  - [Covered Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs](#)
  - [Covered Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Systems \(Glucometers\), Control Solutions, and Lancing Devices](#)
  - [Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles \(non-insulin\)](#)
  - [Covered Continuous Glucose Monitoring \(CGM\) Systems](#)
  - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application.
2. If a change in therapy is not appropriate, plan ahead! Submit PA requests beginning February 24, 2023.
- a. Early PA requests can be submitted via the Medi-Cal Rx PA Submission Methods:
    - [CoverMyMeds®](#)
    - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
    - NCPDP P4 Transaction
    - Fax
    - U.S. Mail
  - b. Review PA resources by selecting the **Prior Authorization (PA)** tab on the [Forms & Information](#) page.
3. Review the *Medical Supplies* section in the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#).

## Resources

For more information about Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement**.

For more information regarding the Retirement of the Pharmacy Transition Policy, refer to the [90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#) alert.

## Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at [MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com](mailto:MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com).